

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following paragraph:

"This application is a continuation of copending International Application PCT/RU01/00445 filed on October 26, 2001, which designated the U.S., claims the benefit thereof and incorporates the same by reference".

Respectfully submitted,

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